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Alabama-born entertainer who played the gullible, well-meaning Marine in '60s TV sitcom "Gomer Pyle," has died. **A14**

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Lost deduction has seniors worried

Tom Foley, 76, visits with his wife, Lonnie Foley, 72, at Hawthorne Memory Care in Portland. *Beth Nakamura, staff*

Lynne Terry *The Oregonian/OregonLive*

When Tom Foley could no longer care for his beloved wife, he moved her into a long-term care facility that caters to dementia residents.

At Hawthorne Gardens Senior Living Community's memory care unit in Southeast Portland, Lonnie Foley gets the round-the-clock attention she needs. The facility is safe and the staff is kind, Foley said.

It's not cheap. Foley pays about $72,000 a year in room and board. Thanks to a decades-old tax provision, he can deduct almost all of that as a medical expense.

But a Republican-sponsored tax proposal in the U.S. House of Representatives would eliminate the deduction, which is taken by nearly 9 million people, U.S. tax data show. That includes about 165,000 people in Oregon, according to an analysis by the Oregon Center for Public Policy.

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Senate tax plan

The Senate version of the tax reform bill would preserve the medical deduction the House bill would cut. GOP holdouts were haggling over changes Thursday, and a final vote is expected Friday. Once passed, the House and Senate would negotiate to reconcile the two versions, meaning the fate of the medical deduction is up in the air.

Read more on the Senate bill on **A10**.

TRIBAL FISHING VILLAGES

Senate OKs upgrade plan for sites on Columbia

Molly Harbarger *The Oregonian/OregonLive*

A unanimous U.S. Senate vote this week has given new hope to backers of promised housing for Native Americans along the Columbia River east of Portland.

In the wake of a White House decision to halt development of promised houses for Columbia River tribal members, a smaller initiative to maintain and upgrade 31 existing fishing sites where sometimes dozens of Native fishing crews live for at least six months of the year is again gaining traction.

Oregon and Washington legislators again have asked for money to improve deplorable safety and sanitation conditions at small riverside camp sites, where tribal members launch boats, clean salmon and camp in tents and makeshift shacks.

The bill, which was introduced in March and approved by the Senate on Wednesday, calls on the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs to visit the sites and study what is needed to improve them, then bring the infrastructure in line with the amount of use they get. That would include improved sewer connections, electrical grids and adequate water, among other needs. Officials have not attached a dollar figure to the bill, nor has any money been allocated.

An amendment from Sen. John Hoeven, R-North Dakota, also passed unanimously. He asked that the federal comptroller assess whether the proposed work at the

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